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Crystie and Brent Leehe share their first kiss as a married couple Saturday on the main stage of the 10th annual Lake Havasu City Rockabilly Reunion. Brenden Lehee courtesy photo

Putting a rock on it

Couple ditches Vegas, ties the knot at Rockabilly Reunion

By **CHELSEA CURTIS**
TODAY'S NEWS-HERALD

In front of hundreds of guests decked out in leather jackets and polka dot dresses, one lucky couple vowed to spend the rest of their lives together.

Crystie and Brent Leehe were married Saturday afternoon on the main stage of the 10th annual Lake Havasu City Rockabilly Reunion.

"I'm a nervous wreck," said Brent about going on stage in front of a large crowd of strangers.

"I'm not nervous, he is...I'm super excited," added Crystie with a laugh.

The Wisconsin couple said they decided to get married a few months ago while on vacation in Las Vegas. Having seen an advertisement for Rockabilly Reunion there, Brent decided to contact organizer Kennie Cuppetelli about hosting their wedding during the annual event.

"He just called Kennie and Kennie called him back and said 'let's do it, let's get it done,' and here

we are now," said Crystie.

In addition to wedding attire and photographers that traveled to Havasu from Minnesota, the couple paid for the traveling expenses to attend their own wedding. Brent's mother, Janet, son, Brendan, and their significant others also traveled to attend the event's first-time wedding.

The newlyweds, who arrived in Havasu on Valentine's Day, said their honeymoon will start immediately after the wedding and will conclude Monday as they return home.



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See pics of the Rockabilly Reunion event on Page 12A

Citing absence, Libertarian seeking recall of John McCain

By **HOWARD FISCHER**
CAPITOL MEDIA SERVICES

PHOENIX — A Libertarian who concedes he was never a supporter in then past is launching a drive to recall John McCain.

Vann Gutier said his current gripe with the state's senior senator is that he has been absent from Washington now for more than a month while undergoing treatment for a particularly aggressive form of brain cancer .

He said anyone in the private sector who was away from the job for that long would have been fired.

Gutier needs to gather more than 600,000 signatures in 120 days.

But even if he could reach that goal — that's more than 5,200 signatures a day, not counting a cushion to account for errors, by someone with no financial back-

ing — it may not matter.

"We believe the recall effort is unconstitutional," said state Elections Director Eric Spencer, citing a 2012 report done by the Congressional Research Service for members of Congress. But Spencer said his office won't stop Gutier from pursuing his petition drive based on that conclusion.

"That unconstitutionality would have to be litigated on the back end," Spencer said, after the petitions are filed. "We have no statutory authority to refuse to issue the serial number (to begin collecting signatures) on the front end."

Gutier said if the state tries to block an election "that's when the lawyers would get involved."

There was no immediate response from McCain.

Gutier said he had made calls recently to the senator's



Cliff Owen/Associated Press, file
Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., speaks to reporters in July on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Washington office.

"I was under the impression that Sen. McCain was actually

me a six-minute runaround."

Gutier actually filed the paperwork to start the petition drive this past Tuesday. But he didn't get the legally required petition number — it has to go on every sheet — for two days while the Secretary of State's Office was trying to figure out whether he was entitled to pursue the effort.

Now that he's been given the clearance, Gutier said he intends to refile the paperwork this coming Tuesday — Monday is a state holiday — giving him a full 120 days. Gutier said he's going to need each and every one.

The hurdle he has to overcome is based on statutory provisions setting the minimum number of signatures for a recall at 25 percent of the votes cast at the last general election. That tally, according to the Secretary of State's Office, is 632,683.

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